

This letter is being written to express my opinion that the FCC should not loosen regulatory controls over media ownership. I have long been a fan of community radio stations and the work they perform for their listeners. Relaxing vertical ownership rules for media sources does not mean my favorite radio station will be taken over. However, it does mean that the chances of more locally owned, listener sponsored, community based, etc. stations coming into creation are highly unlikely. In response to the chairman's argument that the internet has created a viable alternative source of information that has nullified the current market percentages that companies can own; I say ask the average American how much TV they watch each day, or how much radio they listen to each week. Compare that to the time they have to be on the Internet. Oh, and don't forget that the huge contingency of poor individuals and families who cannot afford the Internet or a satellite dish are automatically exempt from these alternative sources. Please protect the public's right to have more competition than 5 companies competing for total market share. Please protect the public's right to live in a capitalist society, which strives to protect free speech, competitive business practices and democratic institutions that maintain a real sense of accountability. Thank you for listening to me. Please vote your conscience.

Sincerely,

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